

# A Profile of *Job Openings* In Utah



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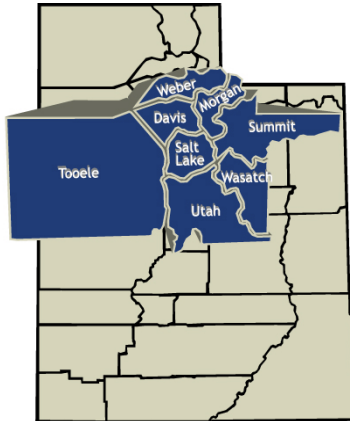
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## *Metropolitan Area Job Vacancy Statistics:* **Job Vacancies by Major Occupational Groups**

This is a listing of jobs by the major occupational groups as defined by the Standard Occupational Classification system, two-digit level. Occupational groups are a grouping of jobs that perform similar tasks.

- ❖ Seventy-three percent of the Metropolitan region's job openings are concentrated in just six of 21 industry groups. All of these have a higher-than-average job vacancy rates.
- ❖ Office and administrative support (largely clerical work) is the occupational group with the most openings, double the number of the next occupational group. It however, is characterized with low wages, a high percentage of part-time employment, and a low percentage of openings that require training above a high school diploma.
- ❖ Sales and related jobs also carry a high number of openings. They also carry the same characteristic profile as the office and administrative support jobs.
- ❖ In Utah's current economic environment, the construction industry has been on the upswing. Jobs are available, and the job vacancy rate is approaching 4 percent. For the skilled and experienced, occupations in this group generally pay well. Advancement opportunities generally move an individual on to the possibility of owning their own business.
- ❖ Some occupational groups are staffed with mostly full-time jobs. There is a strong correlation between high wages offered, high education requirements, and a high percentage of full-time employment.



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- ❖ Occupational groups that have a high job vacancy rate, offer good wages and have a high percentage of occupations open for more than 60 days or are always open suggest some degree of labor shortage or heavy labor discernment within that occupational group. These include healthcare practitioner and technical; construction; and installation, maintenance, and repair.

### **Job Vacancies and Other Characteristics by Occupational Group**

#### **Metropolitan Utah Fourth Quarter 2004**

<b>Major Occupational Group</b>	<b>Number of Job Vacancies</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>	<b>Percent Part-Time</b>	<b>Average Asking Wage</b>	<b>Requiring Education Beyond a High School Diploma</b>	<b>Percent of Jobs Always Open</b>	<b>Percent of Jobs Open &gt;60 Days</b>
Office and Administrative Support	5,397	3.3%	35%	\$9.27	12%	15%	11%
Sales and Related	2,564	2.5%	61%	\$8.65	7%	21%	7%
Construction and Extraction	1,949	3.7%	3%	\$11.38	21%	53%	7%
Production	1,836	2.8%	6%	\$11.68	41%	41%	4%
Food Preparation and Serving Related	1,595	2.5%	60%	\$8.03	0%	11%	13%
Transportation and Material Moving	1,471	2.5%	42%	\$10.65	23%	37%	4%
Healthcare Practitioner and Technical	846	2.3%	31%	\$18.77	96%	24%	16%
Personal Care and Service	700	4.0%	13%	\$8.27	35%	9%	25%
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	689	1.9%	2%	\$14.92	80%	24%	31%
Building, Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	557	2.0%	17%	\$9.04	6%	29%	2%
Healthcare Support	445	2.5%	49%	\$8.96	53%	24%	3%
Business and Financial Operations	382	1.1%	6%	\$18.88	78%	35%	3%
Computer and Mathematical Science	342	1.3%	3%	\$22.09	73%	22%	8%
Architecture and Engineering	323	2.0%	0%	\$20.63	96%	13%	17%
Management	295	0.7%	1%	\$27.21	85%	2%	25%
Education, Training, and Library	293	0.6%	50%	\$11.68	64%	29%	27%
Art, Design, Entertainment, Sports and Media	161	1.4%	31%	\$12.17	73%	3%	30%
Protective Service	158	0.9%	47%	\$9.74	20%	46%	1%
Community and Social Services	154	1.3%	20%	\$10.86	34%	46%	6%
Life, Physical and Social Sciences	128	1.6%	3%	\$19.20	91%	2%	9%
Legal	87	1.5%	0%	\$33.31	99%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,372</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>\$11.20</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>11%</b>